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Let's Talk Investment

The Scottish Cities Alliance is a unique collaboration of Scotland's eight cities - Aberdeen, Dundee, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Perth, and Stirling - and The Scottish Government. Together we are dedicated to promoting the great economic potential of our country.

Scroll down to learn about how we are working collaboratively and speaking with a single voice to compete successfully in global markets for investment and jobs drawing on the collective strengths of Scotland's vibrant and unique cities



Scottish Cities Week - 24th - 25th January

In January 2024 the Alliance delivered the second annual Scottish Cities Week programme in London involving all 8 Scottish City Leaders and Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy. The programme itself was built around the 4 pillars of the Scottish Government's National Innovation Strategy and was developed in partnership with the cities, Scottish Government, SDI, the Department for Business and Trade, 3Ci, JLL, and CBRE, providing a focused opportunity for the Scottish cities to showcase their investment potential to an audience of over 120 investors, developers, agents and other built environment professionals.



Investor Networking Reception - Perth Museum - 20th March

In March, the Alliance hosted an investor networking reception in Perth Museum in advance of its official opening, which provided an opportunity for the cities to invite investors, developers and key private sector contacts they had engaged with throughout the year including Scottish Cities Week to Scotland.

Scottish Cities' Thriving Sectors

Latest Case Study

Dundee's Gaming Sector

Dundee is perfectly positioned to be a major player – and producer in the games sector.

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Press and Coverage



City Region Deal's Progress 2023

Cllr John Alexander, Leader, Dundee City Council, and Chair of The Alliance, writes for Property Week, highlighting a strong year of inward investment activity in Scotland, galvanised by a series of City Region Deals.

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Edinburgh Talent & Skills Growth

Cllr Cammy Day, Leader, City of Edinburgh Council, writes for FDi Intelligence, showcasing his commitment to talent and skills growth.

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Perth's Cultural Renaissance

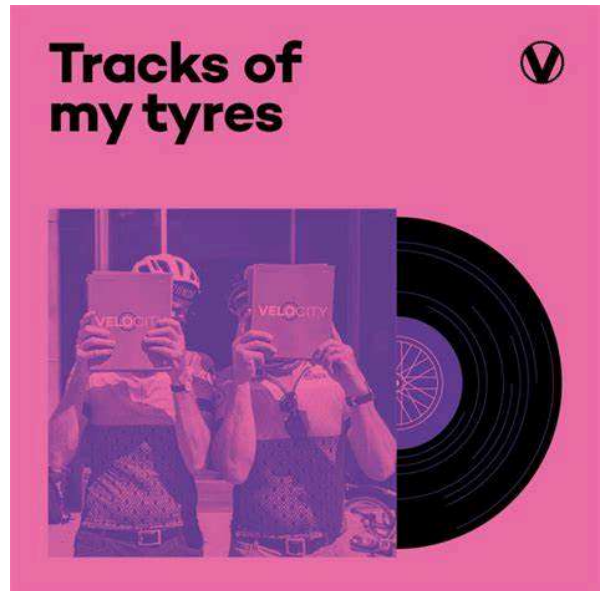
Cllr Laing, Leader, Perth and Kinross Council, writes for Co-Star, highlighting Perth's cultural renaissance signified by the newly redeveloped Perth Museum.

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Tracks of My Tyres

Colin Edgar MBE, Director of Communications and Governance, Glasgow City Council, speaks on the Tracks of My Tyres podcast discussing active travel infrastructure alongside speaking about the wider benefits from Scotland hosting the UCI World Cycling Championships for Scottish cities.

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Scotland’s cities have big plans for tourism growth.

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Powering cities with electric travel boost.

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Culture

Culture Unveiled: Scottish Cities’ Festival Guide

Our Scottish Cities have been busy...


Perth's Ambition for Local Heat and Energy Efficiency

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Retrofit at Scale
Case studies: Perth & Kinross Council deliver a combined LHEES and LAEP

Perth and Kinross Council is leading the way in developing their first Local Heat Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) combined with a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) for the council area.


Shelley McCann, Strategic Planning and Sustainability Officer, Serge Merone, Climate Change Manager and Grant Key, Principal Officer for Energy and Engineering discuss how they have worked to develop the LHEES and LAEP, together with Stuart Hallett, leader of Arup's Scotland Urban Energy team.




Shelley McCann
Strategic Planning and Sustainability Officer
Perth and Kinross Council



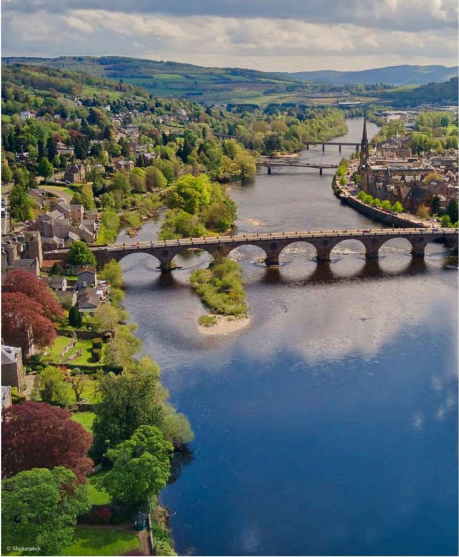
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Read ARUP's latest Cities Intelligence Unit Report on Retrofit At Scale, showcasing their work with Perth and Kinross Council on helping them develop their first Local Heat Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) combined with a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP). The case study highlights how Perth and Kinross, are now in a position to explore a strategic energy partners, to help them identify projects, and develop a business case.

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Aberdeen is the UK's Leading Hydrogen City

Council Climate Change Plan 2021 - 2025

Towards a Net Zero and Climate Resilient Council



Aberdeen, renowned as the UK's foremost hydrogen city, proudly hosts 85 hydrogen-powered vehicles, among them the pioneering hydrogen double-decker bus, a global first. Fuelled by their accessible hydrogen refuelling stations, their fleet of hydrogen vehicles continues to expand.

Read their 2021-2025 Climate Strategy, showcasing the city's steps to become a smarter and more sustainable city, working alongside local partners and the community.

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Stirling Studios



Stirling Studios is poised to become one of Scotland's largest film studio campuses, heralding the creation of thousands of high-skilled jobs and delivering significant economic advantages. The announcement by Stirling Council is met with enthusiasm, as the establishment of Stirling Studios promises substantial benefits for the region.

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European FDI Intelligence Rankings



Highlands region have secured top spots in the European Cities and Regions of the Future rankings.

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Looking Forward

UKREiif - 21-23 May 2024 - Leeds



Scottish Cities Alliance will be attending UKREiif 2024



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The Scottish Cities Alliance is set to make a prominent appearance at UKREiif 2024, highlighting investment opportunities and transformational projects across Scotland.

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Edinburgh, Dundee City, Scottish Highlands and Islands Council, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow City Council and Cllr Raymond Bremner, Leader, Highland Council. Joining them are senior officers representing the eight Scottish cities, officials from the Scottish Government, the Alliance core team, and stakeholders including SDI and SNIB.

Read more for a full breakdown of our programme and activity at UKREiIF 2024.

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Partner Insights

‘What stood out to me was the proximity and connectivity between the eight cities, particularly those in the middle of the country. This unique advantage, combined with the right mix of other factors (which the cities are working on!), provides a strong foundation for innovation. It's good to see the progress being made in areas such as Life Science and Energy, and it will be interesting to see how the planned programmes and schemes play out [#ScottishCitiesWeek](#)’

Patrick Ransom, Director, Avison Young on LinkedIn.

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